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CPYRGHT We Remember

WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER a story in the London Sunday Times is true, a story which charges that the CIA poured money into British Guiana, using so-called fronts for the purpose, but we do remember the concern in 1963 that the British colony might go Communist.

Ominous to Western interests at the time were the Soviet tankers unloading oil, the rice shipments from Cuba and the Cuban technicians busily improving British Guiana airports. Premier Cheddi Jagan, an avowed Communist, left United States with a bleak choice. The psychological effect of another Communist regime in this hemisphere would have been thoroughly bad.

"British Guiana will be a second Cuba within six months," warned Sen. Anne Jardim, a striking young woman who sat in the Guiana Senate for a party in opposition to Jagan. "The situation must not be allowed to simmer any longer."

We also remember that under a system of proportional representation, adopted to try to stop racial bloc voting, the country was treated as one electoral district, membership being allotted in the new 53-seat Legislative Assembly according to the percentage of votes for each party. Forbes Burnham's People's National Council (PNC) won.

Jagan charged that the United States government's attitude of "distrust and suspicion" toward his party was an important element in his defeat.

You can take it from there.